

REMARKS

The indication that claims 7-8 have been allowed and that claims 2 and 9-12 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 2 has been added to claim 1 and claim 10 has been amended into independent form to place the application in condition for allowance. Further, the dependency of claim 9 has been amended into conformance. Claims 2 and 13-15 have been canceled.

In view of the present amendment, applicants believe the application has been placed in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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